

23 July 1982

NOTE FOR: Executive Director

FROM : EA/DDCI

SUBJECT : Preliminary OGC View on PRB Concern Over Autobiographical
Accounts Written by Former CIA Officers

1. As I mentioned, [] believes a legal opinion on the attached would be a firm, resounding "I don't know." Before pursuing that course, he thought you should be aware of the following:

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-- Such a step (prohibiting autobiographies within the Secrecy Agreement or the Summary of Employment) would instantly become a First Amendment issue with attendant public controversy.

-- It would require Attorney General approval.

-- A decision would be required on applying this only to new employees or "imposing" it on all current employees as well.

-- Also, would it be applied to the DCI on down?

-- In the aftermath of the Snepp decision, the Agency made public commitments to Congress not to forbid employees across the board from writing books -- this would renege on that somewhat.

-- Better route would be combination of current practice of reviewing/deleting classified material and maintaining strong policy on retaining cover after retirement.

2. Do you want to pursue a legal opinion? Something else?

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FROM: EA/	TO: OGC	ER NO. 82-3492/1
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SUB: Note - Requesting a legal opinion on whether or not employees could be prohibited from writing autobiographical accounts of their CIA experiences.

ATT: Basic - PRB Concern over autobiographical Accounts Written by Former CIA Officers. [REDACTED]

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SUSPENSE DATE

22 July 82 (Internal)

ACTION OFFICE

OGC

FIRST REMINDER SENT

SECOND REMINDER SENT

DATE OFFICE CALLED AND
CURRENT STATUS

DATE COMPLETED

Re EA/DDCI, no action required.

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